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## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

## DECLARATION:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.  
 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original,  
 first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which  
 a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING HOLLOW ORGANS AND/OR SEALING WALL DEFECTS IN  
HOLLOW ORGANS

the specification of which (check only one item below):

☒ (X) is attached hereto.

☐ was filed as United States application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and was  
 amended on or through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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 amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified  
 specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title  
 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.66.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 36, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of  
 any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s)  
 which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also  
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 international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s) and any Priority Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s)  
 listed below.

60/297,127	June 8, 2001
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 application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America,  
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 filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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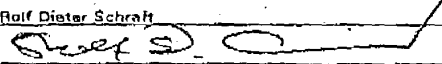
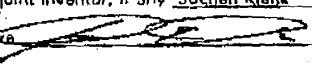
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